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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

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United States of America)
Plaintiff,)
v.) CASE NO. 07 CR 594
Charmaine Rickette)
Defendant) JUDGE DAVID H. COAR

Judge David H. Cear
United States District Court

LETTERS DATED 12/16/2009, 1/14/2010 AND 1/20/2010 FROM CHARMAINE RICKETTE

COURT'S RESPONSE LETTER TO RICKETTE

COURT'S LETTER TO WARDEN CHAPMAN

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February 5, 2010

Dear Ms. Richette:

I have read your letters and I am truly sorry that you are having a difficult time with your pregnancy.

You ask that I change your sentence. I cannot do that. Rule 35 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure allow the sentencing judge to "correct" a sentence only within 7 days after sentencing and only where the sentence resulted from "arithmetical, technical, or other clear error." Your request falls outside of the time requirements and the authorized grounds for changing the sentence. You will recall that at your sentencing hearing, I gave you time to consult with your attorney and your family about whether you wanted to withdraw your Rule 11(c)(1)(c) plea agreement. After that consultation, you told me that you did not wish to withdraw. That agreement specified the period of imprisonment.

Having said that, I agree with you that it would be better if you were afforded the opportunity to spend time with your child after her delivery. By separate letter, I will recommend to the Bureau of Prisons that you be allowed to participate in the MINT program.

I wish you (and your child) well.

Sincerely,

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Dear Warden Chapman:

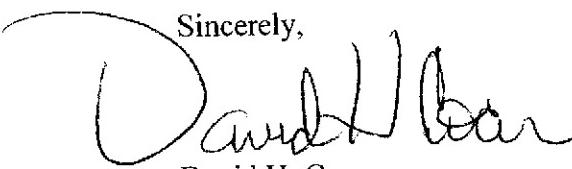
I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I received from Charmaine Richette, whom I sentenced several months ago and who (I believe) is in your custody at the Federal Medical Center, Carswell. I write this letter to recommend that Ms. Richette be allowed to participate in the MINT program and to provide some background about this young woman.

I frequently encounter criminal defendants who make bad choices. Sometimes these choices are part of a pattern of poor decisions, and sometimes they are uncharacteristic. Throughout the proceedings in her case, Ms Richette's involvement in what was a violent transaction was anomalous. I am convinced that she has poor judgment and can be incredibly naïve, but she is not violent.

In her letters to me, Ms. Richette asks me to modify her sentence. I cannot do that because she agreed to it. On the other hand, in serving the term of her sentence, I would strongly urge that she not be considered a violent criminal because, truly, she is not.

Thank you for any consideration that you may give her.

Sincerely,



David H. Coar

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Dear Mr. Judge Coar

JUDGE DAVID H. COAR

I want to start this letter off by just saying Thank you. Thank you for even taking the time out of your day to read this letter, it really means so much to me. My name is Charmaine S. Thickette. The day of my sentencing my Aunt gave a touching speech in which you informed us it was one of the most well put together speeches you have ever heard in your career. You were very touched. I'm sure you said the same about mine also. I'm sending this letter for some type of assistance in some way, I really need your help very soon, I'm running out of time. I was told a Judge has a lot of power over things, so that's why I comming to you for help. When I was convicted and sentence I was just as surprised as my family was. You mention to me now you didn't understand how I have gotten myself into such a big mess. I'm still looking for that answer for myself and my family. I ~~was~~ am ^{or} was the sole provider for my family. I ~~was~~ ^{or} was also my mother's financial support and caretaker. They depended on me full-time and I let them down. My children father is suffering financial hardship with my absence. My children are also suffering mental problems also. My family is broken, and falling apart and its all my fault.

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I cry every night wondering how I could leave them or how something like this could happen. I'm writting this so you could have a good idea of who I am. I know a PSI is suppose to help you know about my life but it can't explain my heart. People make bad ~~com~~^{cst} choices in there lives. I'm sure you have before, no ones perfect. I'm really ~~a~~^{an} oota bad person. I have no criminal history, not even a cigarette smoked or an illegal drug on my record. I will addmitt to an alcohol addiction of some sort. I have some mental problems of my own which led me to that (drinking). It wasn't to bad, but any drinking is too much to me. As far as my family history. My mother is a functional addict, drugs and alcohol. I had been working with her to kick the habits. My father was also a drug addict, he kicked his, or a least that's what he told me. My mother is still on step #1 Denial. I have lived my life supporting my mother, sisters and my own family. When a person is not mentally stable them selfs it could lead to a break down. I never faced my own problems, my past. It was the reason why I made the bad choices I did make in my life. I'm now seeing a P.SY just like I was when I was out, but we are getting somewhere. I have a problem with being loved, like, wanted, and also a problem with saying no. Its one reason why I got myself into a big mess.

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Now, I dont want to make this letter to long so I'm going to make this short. When I was a child I had an accident where I fell and hit my mouth and face (head) on a wooden and metal Steal balancing beam. That was the day my life was over in my eyes. It caused me to look extremly bad for many years. It was a long process to get back to normal, It took years. It never brought back my Selfesstem. I was tossed and toucherd my both School and home (my brothers and Sisters). I had no one, no friends, no brothers or Sisters, no boyfriend.... no one. I was depressed and very lonely for many,many years. When my dad married his 3th Wife (thats Another Story) She had a son, he was my first friend, my first real brother Sister relationship. He was murder when I was 15. They took the only thing I had away from me. I'm now dealing with that I just put it aside for so many years. He excepted me for who I was and treated me like a sister.

Since then I had a problem with being excepted, loved, liked by others. All I wanted was for people to like me. I would over work my self at work, pay boyfriends bills, give money to whomever asked me, If anyone asked I

did for them. I have always got taken advantage of by others or just made bad choices just to be liked. I do know it was a weakness I had, a sickness that I had for many years, when I looked at myself I seen that same little girl people didn't like. Not anymore I'm not that same person. I'm working on me now, but my children need me bad. I can't let them suffer that emptiness that I felt.

When I turned myself in it was the worst day of my life. I had to walk away from my two boys (6 year old 1 year old). Then I received more bad news. I found out I was expecting a child. It was painful to know I would have another child I would have to leave. A few months before I was forced with a very hard decision of abortion. I wasn't for abortion but in my case I had no other choices. Then I got pregnant again. I find this out 2 hours after turning myself in. I just couldn't understand why this ~~was~~ happening to me, and was I that bad of a person? Then I came to a decision of abortion again. Only this time I'm in jail (prison). When I tried to get things done I was giving the runaround by B.O.P. Wrong prices, wrong procedures then shipped off to Carswell FMC in TX. Horton SFC had a lot of people against it. I was

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even told by a Consular that I would have to look my baby in the face when I got to heaven if I aborted it. Then ~~cons~~ being Consoled by Carswell didn't go well either.

I was showed pictures of what the baby looked like, and told diffrent ways they kill the baby it was pure torture. It was a long hurtful process but with the help of Ms Ford I made it through so far. Then when that time came it was to late. At that point I knew God wanted me to have this baby, but I also knew it was going to be hard and life threatening. My last birth didn't go so well.

Now I'm 5 months pregnant and having a lot of problems. I have been put on bedrest and have been bleeding and passing blood clots and they don't know what's wrong with me or my baby. This place is not what people think it is. I would be better off with my doctor who knows me and my body. I'm costing BOP more on medical then they receive for me. I have been out to the hospital about 5 times already and had a biopsy done on my chest. (still don't know what's happening with that).

I already went on long enough with my past and what I'm going through now. So now I'm just going to ask you for what I need. I need to be home with my children and this new born. My children are suffering without me and now I'm going to have 3 kids who need me. I may be asking for a lot but I don't know what else to do. I'm crying out to you for help. I need a sentence reduction to go to a mint program in West V.A. for 1 year. (Mothers and infants together). Then I can go on some type of home confinement for 3 years or whatever. That's over 4 1/2 years in federal custody. Or monitoring. Anyway you would like to do it I just need to bond with my newborn and raise my other children as well.

You are the only person that can help me. I also want to do Community Service and start a program to help others like me. They have let rapper do it and they have back rounds and only get a year or so. I may not have the money they have but my heart is bigger then theirs. I can do more and will never end up back in a jail. I would never leave my children again. So please

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find it in your heart to help me I'm running
out of time. I wantt disappoint you.

Please help me get home on home confinement
ASAP. My babies need me I dont care how
long or if you extend my probation. Just
Please help me and hear my cry for help.

Please help me

Charmaine S. Bickette



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From
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JAN 25 2010

1-14-10

JUDGE DAVID H. COAR

Dear, Judge Coar

I'm not sure if you are getting my letters. I really need your help. People ask you all the time for a Second Chance. I'm asking for a chance just one chance to show you what I can do for my Community. A chance to be with my children and raise them better then I was raised. I need to give them a better life then I had. My children need me very much right now. I'm Due to have a baby on May 1st 2010 and she is going to need to bond with her mother. It's very important to me that she receives all the nutrition from me that my milk will give her. (I'm having a girl) I have no Criminal record (other then now) or a violent bone in my body, but I have been treated like one. I was not aware of most of the things going on when fighting my case. My lawyer didn't explain to me what was going to happen. How can a person with no Criminal history receive a 8 year 10 month sentence with 5 year probation? That was very harsh to me, and because of the type of crime I treated as a violent Criminal and it won't allow me to enroll in programs to cut my time.

Please help me. I need to be with my children. I'm asking you to somehow cut my sentence. Please grant me some type of downward departure. I want to go to the Mint program in West VA. They allow you to stay with your new born for about a year or so. I'm also asking for home confinement, 3 year or so. With what I'm serving now, plus mint and 3 year home confinement that adds up to 4 year 8 months. That's almost 5 years plus I also have 5 years probation. Please hear me out and think about this. You would never have to worry about any trouble from me or any other charge. I'm not that type of person. What I want to do is to make a difference. My community needs an out reach program. The amount of woman in prison has grown in large numbers, and something needs to be done. I have never had a drug problem or anything like that. The problem I have had was mentally. Mentally letting my past control my future, which can sometimes lead to making bad choices in life or depended on a man's feelings for you. I need to help people, women like me. This could happen to anyone, any woman. Someone needs to help change things.

That person will be me if you give me a chance. It's the only chance I will need "ever". You are the only person who can help me, and I'm begging you to hear my cry. I was my children's sole provider and they are having a hard time. Please help me. I can't take the ~~os~~ risk of them being split apart or now know if my new born will know her brothers. I need them and they need me and my community also needs me. Please help me, I can make a difference in some lives and raise my children to be good people. I don't want them to suffer the lost that I did. Please help me.

You are the only one who can and I know you have the power to. If they can let a rapper do 1500 hours of Community Service and 1 week and 1 day for having guns as a felon who has had several chances and was giving more, Or Levi's mother "Sherry Johnston" was given a ankle monitor for selling drugs, "Oxycontin". Is this all because of money? I don't have the money to pay a big time lawyer but I have the heart to change my community. I need your help. My health is not very good right now and me and this baby are not doing to well.

We all make mistakes in life but I asking
you to let me show you how I can make
it up. My children need me very, very, very
bad. I'm sorry for that one bad choices
I made but what I can do will make up
1000 times for it. Please hear my cry and help
me.

Please ☺

Charmaine Rickette.

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Zoo letter

Please take the time ☺
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JAN 25 2010

Dear, Mr. Judge Coar.

JUDGE DAVID H. COAR

This will be my 3rd letter to you. I pray to God every night that you are reading them. I know your days are long and full of paper work so I wont make this letter long. I also pray everynight that you hear my heart and my cry for help.

I can only imagin how many letters you get from inmates you Sentenced everyday, asking for 2nd chances. All I'm asking for is 1 chance. One chance to make things right. My children need me so much and this unborn child needs to bond with her mother. I was the type of mother who did everything with my children. I was very into there lives. Sure I had some mental problems and I let my past control my life. It lead me to make some bad choices which lead me in here. I'm not a bad person but I know I did a bad thing. I'm asking for forgiveness and help. I can help others like me, with an outreach program. I'm not asking you to set me free. I'm asking you to put me on home confinement for how ever long you want, so I can raise my children and they wont go through what I went through. They need to be together and there are facing being split up. My new-born maynot know her brothers if I dont get home when shes born. I need a downward departure of some sort and dont know what to do. Please help me. I just need to get home to my family. There ~~family~~ father is doing as much as he can, but cant do much. Please help me. Mint program (IN W.V.) last about 1 year but I cant get into the program with out you, only you can Order me to the program.

Then home confinement where I can also help my community and start a program. Women really need a program that talks about other issues to help women stay out of prison because of men. Please help me, please help me.

I'm going to keep writing you because I need you to know how much I need your help, how much I need my children and they need me so badly. [All three of them (newborn)] Please hear my cry for help. I'm in so much pain here and have a really bad high risk pregnancy. I'm in pain in my body 24 hours 7 days a week and they don't do anything about it. Please help me get the pain out of my heart. Please help me please.

Just a thought

1 year mint program

3 year home confinement - ~~\$1000~~ (plus) * Community Service
TOTALS TO: 4 years 8 months * fines

Or 4 years home confinement (plus) * Community Service
* fines

* extend probation

I will never mess up again, 1st and last time.

Please help me.

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Wrote to Dr. H. C. W. Smith, Director of the Bureau of Fisheries, Washington, D. C., concerning the proposed legislation for the protection of salmon and steelhead trout in Oregon. Dr. Smith's letter was as follows:

Dear Sir:

I have read your letter of January 10, 1910, and I am sending you herewith a copy of the bill introduced by Senator Hartwell in the Senate of Oregon, which I understand is intended to prohibit the taking of salmon and steelhead trout in Oregon waters.

Yours very truly,

H. C. W. Smith

Director of the Bureau of Fisheries